302 men, women (SM), women only (FP), for dances. Women, young girls sometimes rubbed mashed roots of Plagiobothrys nothofulvus Gray (ši'iwišt), foothill floral area, over cheeks to color face red; this done merely "to make themselves pretty" (FP). Women also sometimes painted faces with earth and kept paint on all day, staying indoors, [756] "to make face lighter" (FP). Shamans engaging in contests painted faces with alternate stripes of red and white raying out from nose across cheeks; rest of body not painted; paint not applied in [317] honor of visitors. Red earth obtained from vicinity of Koso Hot Springs, east of Little lake in Koso territory; Tübatulabal either went for it or Koso brought it to them.

● 304 Tattooing done on women only; women "had it done because they liked it, to make them look pretty" (FP); not done at any specific age, although small girls were not tattooed "because it hurt too much" (FP). Old woman, not necessarily relative, did the tattooing; all women formerly had one or more marks. Pattern drawn on skin with charcoal (tu·l), obtained from "any wood" (FP); pricked in with spine of Tetradymia spinosa H. & W. (pokpo·giništ); marks, black at first, later turned blue. Usually done on face between mouth and chin, on back of hand, inner surface of forearms (fig. 5).

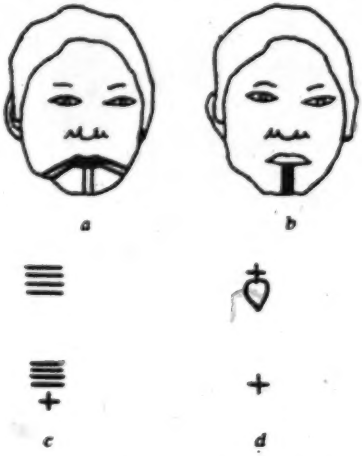

Fig. 5. Women's tattoo patterns. a, b, facial; c, 1½ in. long, inner surface of forearms (FP); d, inner surface of forearm.

Women had septum of nose pierced with pointed hot stick for nose plugs; after piercing, stick kept in hole about 7 days until wound healed. This done "any time" (SM). Lobes of female infant's ears pierced for earrings shortly after birth, "because the baby doesn't feel it much [302] then" (SM). Some men pulled out facial hair around mouth; others wore sparse mustaches (kaŋa·l), 4-5 in. long.

846 deer (SM). While on trench mother used scratching stick (o·wati·š), made from any piece of twig, so hair would not fall out; did not touch face with hands, else she would have pimples. Short time after birth girl babies' ears pierced for earrings, "because they don't feel it much then" (SM). [304]

Father did not eat meat or salt until child's navel healed, else cord would rot; optional whether he hunted or fished (SM); many did not, for 2 weeks (MM, FP). Could, however, drink cold water. Did not sleep with wife for 2-4 months after child born.

853 Child was generally nursed whenever it cried; "some mothers slapped their babies when they cried all night, others nursed them" (MM). Nursing continued until child at least 2 yrs. old; LT's child of 4 frequently nursed, standing beside LT when latter seated. If mother became pregnant while child still nursing, latter weaned. Menstrual periods for woman usually recommenced about yr. after childbirth (FP). [862] [841]

854 481 Up to time when they could walk well, children carried about in cradles (see section on Means of Transport).

842 Childless women took herb medicine to have children; FP's husband's stepfather, a Tejon Yokuts, prepared such for FP (see Autobiography of FP). Children born dead buried immediately; parents not subject to meat taboo if this occurred; "not many babies died, unless a witch wanted to give their parents hard luck" (SM). [845 754]

847 824 Abortion, infanticide.- Leaves of a "big tree" (sp. ?) boiled and tea drunk by woman when she first knew she was pregnant if she wished to induce abortion; also women took medicine to prevent conception. Newborn infants "sometimes killed; one woman had a baby and killed it; she went off somewhere with her mother, so no one would know. They just buried the baby any place, like a dog; I don't see how they could do that. That woman was a witch" (FP).

845 Twins.- If person laughed about woman having twins (cono'), that person would also have twins. Twins treated well; if one treated badly, died, other would die too and give family bad luck, hence twins often accorded more consideration than other children. If mother of twins overworked, unable to nurse both babies, relative might adopt one of them; ES, herself childless, had thus adopted her brother's son, one of pair of twins. [597]

597 768 Orphans, illegitimate children.- Orphans, or one of several children with one parent dead, other remarried, adopted by blood relatives. Observations (1930-1932) of 3 adopted children showed 2 treated indulgently, one as a menial.

848 Illegitimate child kept by mother, who lived with her family; father of child expected to bring meat to mother occasionally; if mother

159 He gave me a big basket half full of the
756 drink. I drank it all; it was bitter, o-o-o-oh!
276 My father blew on a (quill) whistle, after he gave me that medicine. One old woman and 2 old men could hear him blowing, away off on the other side of the world.

After I had taken that medicine a white man came to see us. He said, "What's the matter with her?" I was outside there, walking around; I didn't eat anything. People walk around like that, heavy-footed, when they drink jimsonweed. I didn't know anything; I was "drunk." They told that white man they had given me medicine, Indian medicine.

"What are you giving her that for? You're going to kill her," the white man told my father.

"No," they said, "that's good medicine."

For about 3 days I didn't know anything; I just walked around drunk; they watched me, but I didn't know anything. I didn't see anything, except for everything running past me. Some people get power when they take jimsonweed, but I didn't. After 3 days I woke up; I was much better after that.

159 Just for fun, after we had stayed at omomip
241 for 2 yrs., we moved from there up to u·u·pu·lap (no. 4, fig. 11); all the people at omomip did. We had gardens at u·u·pu·lap; we planted onions and potatoes. We put a long rope down and then planted the onions in a long straight line.

159 I became sick at u·u·pu·lap; my arm was bent
757 and I couldn't straighten it. So I didn't eat meat for a month, then my aunt gave me red ants. She gave me half a baking-powder can full of little balls of cotton with live red ants wrapped up inside them. I hadn't eaten anything the day before my aunt gave me those ants. One time a man ate pinole, and then took ants and he died that night, because he had eaten that pinole. I took the ants in the morning and slept all day; then I woke up and everything was clear and bright. The red ants that are all around here now are the ones I took. I didn't eat any meat for a month; if I had, then when I took the ants, they would have killed me.

Those ants are good to take for a bad cold too, wrapped up in eagle down. When you take them you burn inside in your stomach, just like fire; you get hot inside; they bite you there, I guess. I slept all day the time I took ants; I was unconscious and I slept outside on the ground and rolled over and over in the dirt. My hair got all full of dirt; I didn't know anything. They gave me warm water to drink when I woke up that evening; then I vomited, but nothing came up except water. The cotton and ants had disappeared. I could straighten out my arm again.
[262] After that I just ate acorn gravy and a little bread; no meat or grease for a month.

159 One time when I was visiting my aunt up at
304 Canebrake (no. 1, fig. 11) Piñon Joe's mother (a Koso) tattooed me. I was about Esther's age (FF's granddaughter, aged 12); we were playing

159 out some place and the old woman took a spine
304 from a bush that grows all over up there and made the marks on me. My mother didn't know about it until afterward, because she wasn't there. At first I ran away from the old woman; I didn't want her to do it, but she said those marks would look pretty on me. Then I said, "All right," and she made them. It hurt a lot. And then she rubbed in charcoal made from the wood of some sort of a bush. I tried to rub the marks off; I grabbed dirt and rubbed it all over my face and arm, but the marks wouldn't come off. They used to show on my face for a long time, when I was younger. Indians used to do that to make themselves look pretty. PN and Petra Miranda have those marks on their faces, too.

159 Two of my brothers died while we were at u·u··
754 pu·lap. The bad doctor, Old Bill Chico, killed
682 them. He said when he got drunk one time that he was going to kill all the children, so later they burned him over at Kernville; they tied him with a hair rope and threw him into the fire.

159 When my brothers died my parents made a fiesta
764 to have their faces washed; my mother cut off her
765 hair down to her shoulders, too, when they died.

We lived at omomĭp for awhile after that. Then some men went over on the desert and saw lots of
159 ku·l (p. 15) over there, so lots of people from here went to get it. That was when I was a young girl, about 16. I went over on the desert with my grandma (mother's mother), to a place this side of Randsburg, on a hill. A lot of people went. There were 4 camps of people over there.
[481] We all went afoot, men and women. One little girl went with her grandma; the little girl was maybe 9 or 10 yrs. old. There weren't any babies taken; the women couldn't carry them. It was in the early summer, maybe in June. We took flour from omomĭp; Bill Scodie had a store near omomĭp where he sold flour and coffee and sugar and whiskey. But we ate all that flour up when we got over on the desert, so then we just had ku·l seeds and Mariposa lily bulbs and chia seeds to eat; we ate all those. There were lots of boxthorn berries over there, too; we gathered those. And lots of Mariposa lily bulbs, big ones that we peeled a little and then boiled. We'd get half
[824] a sackful. The Mariposa lily bulbs over here are little and sweet, but those over on the desert are big.

159 That little girl who went over there used to
252 grind ku·l seeds on a grinding slab. She was little, and everybody stood around watching her, all the people; she cried then, because she was ashamed, I guess. Her grandma told her it was all right, and not to cry.

159 We ate rabbits and ku·l and chia seeds. There
[265] was nice water there, cold. We made a shade from
349 greasewood brush; not a ramada, but a shade with a single pole sticking up out of the ground and another pole leaning against the first one in the fork at the top; then we piled greasewood on both sides against that slanting pole (as in

Gifford, 1932 b, p. 24) [p. 73(6)] 1 [ie., Montzelia Albicaulis Dougl.--Analyst]